and objectives set by the Postmaster General and the Board of Governors.

- (c) Establishing and maintaining the planning calendar.
- (d) Coordinating the strategic planning process.
- (e) Assisting in the development of comprehensive and effective plans.
- (f) Identifying and evaluating economic, political, social, technical, and market trends and events.
- (g) Developing a projection of longrange business targets as a basis for setting goals and objectives.
- (h) Formulating alternative business strategies.
- (i) Conducting special economic studies.

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PART 225—ORGANIZATIONS RE-PORTING DIRECTLY TO THE DEP-UTY POSTMASTER GENERAL

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§ 225.1 Operations Support Group.

The Operations Support Group is headed by an SAPMG. The group consists of three departments, each reporting to the SAPMG.

- (a) Delivery, Distribution, and Transportation Department. The Delivery, Distribution, and Transportation Department is responsible for:
- (1) Developing and implementing national policies, procedures, and short-and long-range operational plans for the collection, distribution, transportation, and delivery of all classes of domestic, international, and military mail.
- (2) Developing and implementing national policies, procedures, and short-and long-range operational plans for field retail operations.
- (3) Establishing and controlling national (inter-regional) distribution and transportation networks.
- (4) Establishing requirements and managing the acquisition and deployment of mail transport equipment.
- (5) Developing procurement policies for the transportation of mail.
- (6) Managing the development of policies and procedures to ensure the

optimum use and benefits of automated equipment.

- (b) Operations Systems and Performance Department. The Operations Systems and Performance Department is responsible for:
- (I) Defining, operating, and maintaining the major operating performance management systems.
- (2) Setting goals, analyzing trends, and assessing performance in key operations areas.
- (3) Identifying and resolving operating problems.
- (4) Developing operating management systems, computer models, and new methods for distribution and delivery.
- (5) Directing the acquisition, deployment, maintenance, and disposal of postal vehicles.
- (6) Directing the maintenance and improvement of address information and related systems.
- (c) Engineering and Technical Support Department. The Engineering and Technical Support Department is responsible for:
- (1) Planning and approving all operating requirements and standards for mechanized and automated facilities.
- (2) Establishing national policy and programs for the maintenance of facilities and mail processing, customer services, and delivery services related mechanization.
- (3) Maintaining a technical and field support capacity for new and modified equipment and providing for the overhaul of major mail processing equipment.
- (d) The Regional Postmasters General report to the Deputy Postmaster General.

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PART 226—GROUPS AND DEPART-MENTS REPORTING TO THE ASSO-CIATE POSTMASTERS GENERAL

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226.1 The Associate Postmaster General (Systems).

226.2 Facilities and Supply Group.

226.3 Human Resources Group.

226.4 Marketing and Communications Group.

226.5 Associate Postmaster General (International).